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## ALLIED TROOPS, BY VIGOROUS ATTACKS HAVE TAKEN CLERY

German War Office Admits Loss of Town Near Peronne to Entente Forces—British Again Push Forward and Are in Possession of Leuze Wood—Russians Take 4,500 Teuton Prisoners.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—The town of Clery, on the Somme river, three and one-half miles northwest of Peronne, has been captured by troops of the entente allies, says the official statement today issued by the German army headquarters staff.

### BRITISH MAKE GAIN

London, Sept. 6.—The British again pushed forward on the Somme front last night. They gained possession of all of Leuze Wood, the war office announced today.

Fighting continues between Leuze Wood and Comblès, and in the vicinity of Ginchy.

### RUSSIANS TAKE 4,500 MEN

Petrograd, Sept. 6.—Russian troops yesterday captured a Teutonic fortified position in the region of the lower Wrodenka, in the direction of Hlucza, Galicia, and drove the Austro-Germans toward the northwest, says the Russian official statement issued today.

The number of prisoners taken in the fighting on the lower Gorodenka, the statement adds, so far amounts to 4,500 men, among who were about 2,000 Germans.

### RUMANIANS ROUT TEUTONS

London, Sept. 6.—Official announcement is made by the Rumanian war office that attempts of the Germans and Bulgarians to invade Eastern Rumania have been defeated and that the Rumanians are in possession of all the frontier east of the Danube, along which the attack was directed. The Rumanian invasion of Austria is being carried on with further success. After spirited fighting in the region of Borscekt though Rumanians captured heights west of that point.

### AUSTRIANS PUSHED BACK

Berlin, Sept. 6.—Russian forces, says the official statement issued today at the German army headquarters, have pressed back the center of Archduke Charles' front between the Zlota-Lipa and the Dniester river in Galicia. Seven of the Tatra mountains, in southeastern Rumania, including their armored batteries, have been stormed by troops of the central powers, according to today's German official statement.

### DANISH VESSEL SUNK

London, Sept. 6.—The Danish steamship Jeanne, of 1,174 tons gross, has been sunk, according to a despatch from Weymouth to Lloyds shipping agency. The captain and crew of the vessel have been landed. The Jeanne was built at Newcastle in 1904 and was owned at Copenhagen.

## EPIDEMIC GONE, BARRIERS DOWN AT CITY LINES

Dr. Saphian Removes Nurse-Outposts and Reduces Quarantine Period Here.

The infantile paralysis epidemic in this city is broken. There has not been a new case reported in Bridgeport for one week, and with quarantine regulations fast being removed by order of Dr. Abraham Saphian, who announces today that he will leave this city on Wednesday, next, the only fear that now be entertained is from sporadic cases.

"I have ordered today that all nurses be removed from the Bridgeport highways," said Dr. Saphian this morning. "I believe that the epidemic as such is gone. There will be a few sporadic cases as is always the case in every city but with a close watch at the railroad station which will be maintained for a short period of time further influx of the disease from New York can be checked."

Orders have been issued reducing the quarantine period from eight weeks to six weeks, and arrangements are being made to close Hillside home as a quarantine station hospital on October 1. After that period all quarantined suspects or actual cases will be cared for in the home of the patient under proper nurse's inspection.

It has further been decided by Dr. Saphian that all quarantine measures relating to stores, theatres, etc., will be discarded on September 26, the date set for the opening of the public schools. Dr. Saphian today expressed satisfaction at the work he has been able to perform in Bridgeport. "While I was criticized somewhat at the outset of the campaign," said the eminent specialist, "for delaying the opening of the schools, I note that other cities have had to take similar precautions and elsewhere in Fairfield county the same period of time for the delayed opening of schools has been set as was previously arranged for Bridgeport."

"In leaving this city at the expiration of the time originally contracted (Continued on Page 2.)

## TUGBOAT LOSES TOW IN FIERCE SOUND SQUALL

Bargemasters and Wives Leap to Safety As Vessels Founder at Night.

### TWO BARGES OF COAL ARE SUNK

Five Others Swept Up On Shore in Tempest Sweeping the Sound.

After a battle for several hours with the wind and waves in a fierce storm off Penfield Light, two barges, containing about 2,500 tons of hard and soft coal were sunk and five others cast adrift on the sound from the tug James McWilliams of the Blue Line about 1 o'clock this morning. The captains of the sunken barges and their wives were saved by jumping to another barge. The five barges which did not sink were found high and dry on Fairfield beach this morning with their cargoes of thousands of tons of coal safe.

The James McWilliams, which is one of the finest tugs on the Atlantic coast, in command of Captain Albert Free, left White Stone, about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a tow of 15 barges of hard and soft coal, chiefly the former, and totaling about 20,000 tons. The tow was consigned to New Haven and New London. The wind was from the east, the sound rough, and the tug and its tow made slow progress.

About a mile east of Penfield Light, a fresh easterly wind came up in a squall, accompanied with lightning. The storm drove the barges with their heavy cargoes crashing into each other. This continued from 7:30 in the evening until midnight when Capt. Free decided to try to make Bridgeport harbor with his tow. During this time they had covered but six miles.

Finally the continual collisions of the boats, caused the S. E. Vincent, and the Blue Jacket, both owned by the Blue Line, to sink. Capt. W. S. Lawrence, commander of the Vincent, and Capt. Fred Kellers, both of the Blue Jacket, escaped from the sinking boats by jumping to the Sara McWilliams which was next in the tow.

The tow was split by the sinking of the two barges and the wind soon separated those not attached to the tug, driving them westward on the beach. The F. S. Sanford was blown onto a bar at the west side entrance to Black Rock harbor and the Blue Moon, was beached 50 feet away.

The W. F. Gilbert and the Blue Cabin are on Fairfield beach, just west of Penfield Light. These four barges are owned by the Blue Line. The G. W. Kellan, owned by Cleary Bros., of New York, lies on the bar running out to Penfield Light.

The tug with the remainder of her tow finally made Bridgeport harbor about 2 a. m. The boats she brought in with her 12,000 tons of coal, are grouped about the stake boat. They are the H. R. Brainard, the Blue Mountain, the F. S. Storrs, the Restless, the Sara McWilliams; the Richard, the Blue Line, the Yale Blue, and the S. H. Hinckley. All are badly damaged.

The Baxter Wrecking Co., of New York, has been notified to bring apparatus and pontoons to Bridgeport to raise the sunken boats and get the others off the beach.

## BUSINESS BOOM EXTENDING EVEN TO LOCAL COURTS

Divorce Suits Already Filed Total 83, and Many Other Actions Are Listed.

An idea of the volume of business the civil superior court will be called upon to handle during the fall and winter terms was gained today when it was announced that 214 cases had been returned for the September term. This surpasses all previous records for September. Last year there were only 159 for this month and that number was larger than previous years.

Of the 214 suits filed 83 are divorces which indicates that a new high mark has been reached for this class of cases. During the entire court session which closed last June, only 300 divorce actions were filed. Today was the last day on which suits could be made returnable to the September term.

### McKeever Appeals

From Judgment For Automobile Mishap

Edward J. McKeever, who conducts the S. E. Lee Piano Co. on Cannon street, has appealed to the common pleas court from a decision of Justice John A. Cornell, Jr., who awarded Dominick Pirelli \$72.50 damages in an action brought against McKeever. The plaintiff claimed \$100 damages. He said he was standing on the sidewalk at Broad and Liberty streets when McKeever's automobile struck a motorcycle at the curb. The motorcycle hit Pirelli, knocking him to the ground. He says his back was sprained. The accident happened September 6, 1915. The appeal is returnable to the September term of court.

### LAFOLLETTE IS RENOMINATED

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 6.—United States Senator Robert M. La Follette was renominated, according to incomplete returns from Wisconsin's primary election held yesterday.

## SENDS SHERIFF HOTEL BILL OF SUPT. SLAWSON

Proprietor of Hotel Berkshire Wants to Collect \$16 From School Official.

### HE BALKS AT RATE OF \$4 PER DAY

Says He Understood It Was To Be \$4 For the Entire Party.

Superintendent Samuel S. Slawson of the Bridgeport public schools finds himself today in the unenviable position of a person who has jumped a hotel bill.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas J. Cunningham received, yesterday, from Henry Platt, proprietor of the Hotel Berkshire, a fashionable resort in the historic and picturesque town of Litchfield, a bill for \$16 against Slawson. He asked the sheriff to collect it.

Cunningham has sent the bill to Slawson for the latter's attention. Slawson says the trouble arises from a misunderstanding over the rate which his party was to be charged. Whether the rate was to be \$4 for his party of four, overnight, or \$4 each, is the question in dispute. Henry Platt says the rate was to be \$4 each, while Slawson says it was to be \$4 for the party, or, if the party had breakfast, \$2 each.

Slawson is wroth at the developments. He declares he won't stand for the charge, and adds that he isn't the first one to object. Platt, equally insistent, says Slawson must pay or else talk it over with the sheriff. "I understand Dr. Slawson is a responsible man in your city and that he will pay," said Manager Platt today. "I have no desire to embarrass him or injure his credit and I would rather say nothing about the matter, but my rates are fixed, and I cannot deviate from them. I would like to have the matter settled."

Slawson and his party drove up to the hotel about 10 o'clock two weeks ago Sunday evening. They wanted accommodations but as the hotel was full I told them I would get them rooms in the cottage. I told them distinctly the rate would be \$4 each for lodging and breakfast, as I have to pay extra for rooms in cottages. They were satisfied. Next morning, however, Mr. Slawson disputed the bill. He got excited finally and drove off without paying. He did want to pay me \$2 each for his party, but as my rates are \$4, \$5 and \$6 per day, and I had told him his rate would be \$4 each, I could not accept his offer. "While he was disputing about his bill another party came to settle and they started a dispute, too, taking the cue from the doctor. But this party finally settled with me. I made the rate to Dr. Slawson in the presence of witnesses and he ought to pay the bill."

When asked about the matter, today, Supt. Slawson admitted there had been a dispute with the manager of the Hotel Berkshire over the rates and that he had left without paying his bill.

"I offered to settle with him," said Supt. Slawson today, "but he wouldn't accept my offer. I considered his charges exorbitant. I am still ready to settle for what is the proper amount. It was merely a misunderstanding as to the rates. We were on an automobile trip. There were four in my party. We stopped for the night and had lodging in a cottage and breakfast in the hotel in the morning."

"We understood the rate for the lodging was to be \$4 for the party or \$2 each, including breakfast. Instead of that the management charged us \$4 each. I objected and offered to settle at the rate at which we accepted accommodations, but the manager wouldn't take the money. We then left the hotel. Today I have received a bill charging me at the \$4 rate. I have not decided what course I shall now take."

"Those in my party were not the only parties who had similar experience with disputes over the rates. A wealthy haberdasher of Fifth avenue, New York city, also claimed that he was being overcharged and he had a dispute over the amount of his bill. These things all happened while we were in the hotel waiting to settle our bill and resume our journey."

## SIEMON PLANT IS CLOSED BY SUDDEN STRIKE

The Siemon Hard Rubber Corporation's plant on State street extension is closed today as the result of a strike situation which has rapidly developed here since the factory was taken over by the International union heads are in doubt as to the technical situation.

It was reported this morning that the entire factory force numbering nearly 200 men were on the streets. Carl Siemon, president of the corporation, admitted the fact and stated that although he had made every effort to ascertain the union status of the men he had been unsuccessful in having officials of the Federal Union sent to him.

Federal Union President Duffy of the American Federation of Labor and George Bowen, business agent of the Machinists' union, were unacquainted with the situation at noon today though it was later arranged that a meeting should be held with the factory heads looking towards a settlement. It is understood that a piece-work increase in wage is desired.

## FOUR BALLOTS FAIL TO DECIDE G. O. P. BATTLE FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP

## INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVES OF GARMENT WORKERS COMING HERE TO SURVEY CONDITIONS OF STATE

President Schlesinger Who Settled New York Labor Difficulties of the Garment Workers to Preside Over Session Opening Here This Week.

As a stimulus to the general campaign for organization to be forced in Connecticut, Bridgeport is to be the seat this week of the first general executive board meeting of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

The meeting which is scheduled to be held at The Stratfield, beginning Friday morning, Sept. 8, will bring 15 vice presidents from various states in the Union and Canada. President Benjamin Schlesinger and First Vice President John F. Pierce will preside at the session where it is expected some most important matters concerning the further organizing of the corset workers in this state and throughout New England will be discussed.

The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union is the third largest union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. It has a membership of 140,000 workers.

In discussing the departure from former precedent and the coming to Bridgeport of President Schlesinger, who probably more than any other individual was responsible for the successful settlement of the recent cloak-makers' strike in New York, First Vice President John F. Pierce, who was in Bridgeport today, said:

"This is the first meeting ever held in the state of Connecticut of the Garment Workers' executive board, and it is expected that some very important matters pertaining to the further organizing of the corset workers will be started at this session."

"Owing to the great struggle of the cloak-makers of New York, which lasted for 13 weeks, and won the admiration of the entire labor world as well as many influential people, it was impossible to give the attention necessary to Connecticut, but it is believed that at this meeting, a staff of organizers will be placed throughout the state that will materially add to the already large membership of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union."

"In the last two years, great progress has been made by this International union. Agreements have been signed which gave to the workers an increase in pay, with a substantial reduction in the hours of labor in the following cities: Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, New York, Bridgeport, New Haven and Springfield."

"Locals No. 33 and 34 of Bridgeport, the Corset Workers' Union, have a membership of 2,200, and are active and progressive organizations. The same can be said of Locals No. 39 and 40 of New Haven."

A mass meeting of Local No. 33 will be held on Friday evening, Sept. 8, at Odd Fellows hall on Broad street, at which addresses will be given by President Schlesinger, and several of the International vice presidents. Among those who will attend this meeting are representatives from Toronto, Montreal, Cleveland, Toledo, Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Cincinnati and Chicago.

## HONOR MEMORY OF FR. JANKOLA, SLOVAK CHAPLAIN

National Convention Devotes Greater Part of Day to Memorial Services.

High tribute to the memory of Rev. Matthew Jankola, deceased pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius church in this city, and national chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union of America, was paid by priests from various parts of the United States and officers of the Union at a special requiem mass held in this city today.

The second day of the national convention, in this city, was mainly devoted to a session of sorrow for departed chaplains and members of the order who have died during the past two years.

Many visiting priests were in the city and a special appeal was made to the delegates today to have the individual lodges of the Slovak Union join the Catholic Slovak federation, a strictly religious body, throughout the United States and elsewhere.

An attempt to amend by-laws for the Union was made this afternoon, action on which will be deferred until after a committee has passed upon the changes recommended.

Tonight a special entertainment for the visiting delegates will be given by the children of Sts. Cyril and Methodius parish school.

Opening with a requiem mass in the church celebrated by Rev. Andrew Pavco, Freehold, Pa., present chaplain of the organization, assisted by Rev. Joseph Kasparek, Catsauqua, Pa., and Rev. J. M. Leschinsky of Cleveland, O.; Rev. Wencelous Kloudek, of St. Claire, Pa., and Rev. Gaspard Panik of this city, the convention adjourned to Sohoh hall.

In an eloquent address before the body, President Joseph Kiesel delivered eulogy upon the two chaplains who had departed during the past two years, Rev. S. Furdek of Cleveland, and his successor, Rev. Matthew Jankola, of Bridgeport.

In speaking upon the good work done by Father Jankola during the short space of time he was permitted to minister to the Slovak Union he recalled the appointment of the local priest to the chaplaincy, Jan. 21, 1915.

He said that but distinctive services rendered to the time of his death, May 5, 1916.

In glowing terms he painted the picture of a priest who was beloved not alone by the members of his own parish here, but by all in the Slovak Union as well as the entire Slovak race in America.

"He was an exemplary priest," said President Kiesel, "and in spite of the fact that he was greatly overworked in his own parish here, he devoted a great deal of time to the uplift of the Slovak Union in the hope that his effort would do some good for his people in this country. Though his work was cut short by the Creator, his devotion to all with whom he came in contact will endure and the entire race will pray that his soul be at rest."

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## STREMLAU URGES AMENDMENTS TO LABOR STATUTES

President of State Federation Asks Important Changes in Laws.

Hartford, Sept. 6.—When the delegates to the Connecticut Federation of Labor arrived at the convention hall today for the second day's session they found at their places printed booklets giving in detail all the proceedings of Tuesday and advance notices on what would be done today. This was in line with a suggestion made yesterday that the proceedings of the convention be printed daily for the convenience of the members.

There was no lessening of interest in the sessions, as the delegates were on hand early, and hardly had the convention resumed its session at 10 o'clock when W. B. Holland, of New York city, field representative of the American Fair-Trade league, was in the midst of an explanation as to why the Stephen-Ashurst bill for the elimination of unfair competition in trades, should be adopted by the United States government and should be backed by the federations of labor throughout the states as well as by the national labor organizations.

President Stremlau, in his annual report, recommended again that the per capita tax of six cents per member be reduced to three cents per member per quarter, he believing that organizations that do not now report fully membership would do so and the income would be increased.

He said that great progress had been made during the year in establishing the shorter work day and that the old custom of working employees 10 hours or more a day is being done away with.

He urged all wage earners to unite for the attainment of the eight-hour day.

President Stremlau made a plea for the union label and also said it was the duty of trades unionists to demand the use of buttons of the trades that have adopted them. Let your slogan be "Is It Union Made? Where Is The Union Label?"

In the way of legislation, President Stremlau said that the widespread use of injunctions by the courts against labor organizations during the year brought the matter of repeal of section 1296 into the very forefront of all legislation needed.

Amendment to the compensation law was also most urgent, he claimed. The waiting period of 10 days before compensation begins should be removed, the present rate of 50 per cent. should be changed to at least 66 2-3 per cent; another effort should be made to create a state insurance fund so as to make the law more beneficial not only to employ but also to the employer. Another important matter is that there should be enacted a section which will clearly state that the occupation or industrial diseases must come within the scope of the compensation law.

A bill should be introduced in the (Continued on Page Two.)

Speaker Frank E. Healy Leading on One Informal and Three Formal Roll Calls, With Governor Holcomb a Close Second.

Lieut. Gov. Wilson Gets Support of Fairfield County, and is Fourth in Race—Senator Geo. P. McLean is Renominated.

### Result of Balloting in G. O. P. Convention

Ballot	Healy	Holcomb	Blakeslee	Wilson	Webster	Weeks
Formal	185	195	185	185	185	185
Informal	185	185	185	185	185	185

New Haven, Sept. 6.—Three formal ballots and one informal roll call failed to decide the governorship contest when the Republican State Convention resumed deliberations here today.

Speaker Frank E. Healy, of Windsor Locks, was leading on all the ballots, and Gov. Marcus H. Holcomb of Southington, was second. Former Lieut.-Gov. Dennis E. Blakeslee, of New Haven, was third, and Lieut.-Gov. Clifford B. Wilson was fourth. Comptroller Morris C. Webster, of Harwinton, was fifth.

It was expected that the break would come after the recess for luncheon. Numerous conferences began as soon as the luncheon recess was ordered.

Before nominating for governor, the convention renominated United States Senator George P. McLean, of Simsbury. The nomination was by acclamation.

Delegates straggled into the theatre from the adjoining hotel lobby without any evidence of haste. Many of them looked forward to a long session.

At 10 o'clock the resolutions committee, Col. Ullman, chairman, received the report of the sub-committee which at 2 a. m. had concluded its work. The meeting was in the Yale room in the Taft, and the draft was accepted without debate and Col. Ullman instructed to report it. A separate plank favoring equal suffrage was not incorporated in the draft, the committee covering the question by declaring its approval of the national platform.

Senator Brandegee, the temporary chairman, was on the platform promptly at 10 o'clock and was greeted by State Chairman Roraback and Charles Hopkins Clark. The first balcony held many spectators including fully two score women. The seating of county delegates was as customary, New Haven and Hartford being directly in front, dividing the block of chairs between the two main aisles.

Colonel Ullman had a front row aisle and sat with J. T. King of Bridgeport, on the opposite side of the aisle just behind.

Sabine S. Russell, secretary of the convention, dropped the gavel at 10:15 and Col. Ullman offered a resolution which was accepted, by which the national House of Representatives of 1915 became the rules of the convention.

Committees on permanent organization and on credentials reported respectively through Mr. Fuller, of Tolland, and Axel Mitchell, of Woodbury, and were accepted.

The selection of Presidential electors was called for and Mr. King, rising, said that some counties had not made their selections and he moved to delay action until after the governorship matter had been settled.

Senator Brandegee said that the convention would accept this as a suggestion and nominations for United States Senators were called for. Executive Secretary to Governor Holcomb, in a short speech, praising his services, offered the name of George P. McLean to succeed himself. L. T. Nickerson, of Cornwall, made a seconding speech, and General Keeney of Somers, moved that the nomination be by acclamation. It was so voted and Senator McLean was declared nominated.

When nominations for governor were called for, General Keeney, as he did two years ago, moved to dispense with speeches. This was adopted after General Keeney had clarified his additional motion to proceed to an informal ballot by roll call.

Hartford county started out with votes for Holcomb. When E. E. King (Continued on Page Two.)